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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TENERIFE AIR DISASTER - SITUATION REPORT 1

1. A PANAM 747 CHARTER FLIGHT CARRYING APPROXIMATELY 380 AMERICAN CITIZENS AND ABOUT 10 CANADIANS COLLIDED WITH A KLM 747 CARRYING ABOUT 250 DUTCH NATIONALS AT THE TENERIFE AIRPORT, CANARY ISLANDS AT APPROXIMATELY 1700 LOCAL. KLM HAS ADVISED THAT ALL PASSENGERS AND CREW ON THEIR FLIGHT, ALL SAID TO BE DUTCH, WERE KILLED. INITIAL REPORTS FROM AMEMBASSY MADRID AND PANAM INDICATE APPROXIMATELY 340 PASSENGERS KILLED, WHILE APPROXIMATELY 50 SURVIVED. IDENTITY AND MEDICAL CONDITION OF SURVIVORS NOT YET KNOWN, BUT PRESUME MOST HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS INJURIES.

2. A WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT, UNCLASSIFIED

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JOINTLY MANNED BY SCA AND EUR. ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE AS FOLLOWS:
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--INITIAL PASSENGER MANIFESTS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM PANAM AND FROM ROYAL CRUISE LINES, THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRM SPONSORING THE CHARTER FLIGHT.
--THE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED DOD TO PROVIDE BODY BAGS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE SITE.

--AMEMBASSY MADRID HAS SENT A TEAM OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICERS TO THE SITE. THEY ARE PRESENTLY EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN TENERIFE AT ABOUT 0600 LOCAL TIME (0100 EST) VIA US MILITARY PLANE TO LAS PALMAS AND CHARTERED HELICOPTER TO TENERIFE.

-WE HAVE REQUESTED A SPECIAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL TEAM SPECIALIZING IN BURN TREATMENT TO FORT RUMSON FOR DEPLOYMENT TO THE CRASH SITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

--A SEVEN-MAN NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD TEAM IS PROCEEDING TO TENERIFE VIA A SPECIAL PANAM PLANE, ACCOMPANIED BY PANAM OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF A FBI IDENTIFICATION TEAM, ADVISORS FURNISHED BY FAA, AND PATHOLOGISTS FROM WALTER REED HOSPITAL. THIS GROUP, APPROXIMATELY SEVENTEEN IN ALL, IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE KENNEDY AIRPORT AT APPROXIMATELY 2300 EST, 3/27.

3. THE WORKING GROUP IS TAKING CALLS FROM CONCERNED FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS AND ESTABLISHING NEXT OF KIN CONTACTS. ALL OVERSEAS EFFORTS ARE BEING COORDINATED WITH AMEMBASSY MADRID. WORKING GROUP HAS CONTACTED CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS HERE AND PROVIDED THEM WITH TENTATIVE LIST OF CANADIANS ON PANAM FLIGHT.

4. DEPARTMENT ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE AT APPROXIMATELY 1800 HOURS EST OUTLINING THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

5. THIS SITREP AS OF 2400 HOURS 3/27.

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